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**FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE AGENDA AND HANDOUTS FROM
12/08/94 MEETING**

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AGENDA	

FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE

A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

Chair:

John S. Applegate

Members:

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AGENDA

December 8, 1994

1. *Time and Place*

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Task Force will be on Thursday, December 8, 1994, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Joint Information Center, 6025 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, Ohio. We will begin promptly at 5:30.

2. *Subjects*

5:30	Call to Order
	Approval of minutes
	Status of Ongoing Initiatives
	Chair's remarks
5:45	CERE - Risk Group Presentation
6:00	Discuss 1995 Agenda
7:00	Adjourn
7:15	Dinner

3. *Documents*

The documents and other materials relevant to the meeting's subjects are being developed by the Task Force staff. They will be distributed at the meeting.

4. *Chair's Announcements*

5. *Other Meetings of Interest (calendars enclosed)*

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ONGOING INITIATIVES

- A. Task Force Future Use Report
 - 1. Convene Task Force (June-August 1993)
 - 2. Orientation and Approach (September-December 1993)
 - 3. Cleanup Levels and Future Use (January-November 1994)
 - 4. Waste Disposition, Future Use, and Priorities (December 1994-July 1995)
 - 5. Monitoring Design Progress (July 1995)
- B. DOE Headquarters and Regulator Relations
- C. Membership
- D. Communications and Outreach
 - 1. Reporting to Constituencies
 - 2. General Public Involvement Efforts
- E. Complex-Wide Public Participation
 - 1. Super-Site-Specific Advisory Board
 - 2. Evaluation Criteria
 - 3. Nevada SSAB
- F. DOE Site-Specific Future Use Planning
- G. Waste Disposition (on- and off-site)
 - 1. Federal Facilities Compliance Act
 - 2. Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement
- H. DOE and Ohio Economic Development and Reuse Programs
 - 1. Economic Redevelopment
 - 2. Technology Development/DOIT Committee
- I. Health and Risk Assessment Programs
 - 1. Groundwater Modeling Committee
 - 2. ATSDR
 - 3. CERE
 - 4. DOE-NAS
- J. Fernald Site Budget
- K. Natural Resources

FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE
PROPOSED 1995 WORK PLAN
 12/1/94

1995 TOPICS

<i>Where should the waste go?</i>		<i>How should the clean site be used?</i>	<i>Timing and Priorities</i>	<i>How should cleanup proceed?</i>	<i>Report preparation</i>		<i>Task Force Future</i>	
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September

1995 SCHEDULE

<i>January</i>	Waste Disposition Evaluation <i>Special Session: Risks from cattle grazing</i>
<i>February</i>	Waste Disposition Decision
<i>March</i>	Future Use and Institutional Controls
<i>April</i>	Cleanup Priorities and Transitional Use
<i>May</i>	Safety and General Cleanup Criteria
<i>June</i>	Final Report Development
<i>July</i>	Final Report Approval
<i>August</i>	Summer Break
<i>September</i>	Continuing Mission

1995 ACTIVITIES**WASTE DISPOSITION EVALUATION***January 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

Evaluation of available information regarding on-site *vs.* off-site disposal of wastes and efficacy of treatment.

Information to be Provided:

Detailed descriptions of on site cell design and long-term safety issues.

Detailed descriptions of transportation requirements and risks.

Background on Waste Acceptance Criteria and impact on waste disposition.

Revisit of soil washing in light of selected cleanup levels and waste acceptance criteria.

Potential of receiving non-Fernald wastes.

Decisions:

Task Force will identify any additional information required to make decision.

WASTE DISPOSITION DECISION*February 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

To continue evaluation of waste disposition options and make a decision regarding waste disposition and treatment.

Information to be Provided:

As defined by Task Force from January meeting.

Decisions:

Identification of desired waste disposition for each major waste component.

Identification of key Task Force issues, concerns, and criteria regarding an on-site disposal cell, if identified.

Identification of key Task Force issues, concerns, and criteria regarding off-site disposal, if identified.

Recommendations regarding use of soil washing.

Waste Acceptance Criteria suitability and disposal of potential "clean" fraction of soil washing residuals.

Identification of future design and construction activities that will require Task Force and/or public input.

Resolution on non-Fernald wastes.

FUTURE USE AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTROLS*March 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

To finalize recommendations on the desired post-remediation uses of the site and the long-term measures required to ensure safe use of the site.

Information to be Provided:

Existing toolbox data.

Expected impacts of the waste disposition recommendation.

Potential native American cultural uses.

Options for ensuring the long-term effectiveness of the remedy and responsibilities and contingencies for the long-term management of the property.

Currently available options for long-term control of land uses.

Currently Planned DOE ownership strategy.

Decisions:

The desired uses of the Fernald property following remediation.

Recommended long-term controls for site.

Long-term ownership.

Identification of any portion of the property that might be released outside of Federal ownership.

Identification of design activities that will require Task Force/public input.

CLEANUP PRIORITIES AND TRANSITIONAL USE*April 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

To identify priorities in pursuing cleanup of the Fernald property and to identify any transitional uses of the property that might be desirable or allowable before all cleanup activities are completed.

Information to be Provided:

Probable timelines of key construction activities.

Key time and logistical constraints for site cleanup.

Likely budget impacts on future cleanup activities.

Understanding of how Fernald will change over time during and after remediation.

Conceptual site models at 5, 10, 15, and 20 years, and at ultimate completion.

Decisions:

Identification of the key concerns of the Task Force for setting cleanup priorities.

Identify an overall view of cleanup timing from the Task Force's perspective.

Prioritization of wastes and materials for cleanup.

Identification of what uses, if any, should be allowed during cleanup.

SAFETY AND GENERAL CLEANUP CRITERIA*May 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

Evaluation of risks and safety factors resulting from cleanup operations and identification of key Task Force criteria in conducting cleanup.

Information to be Provided:

Risks resulting from remediation and proposed mitigation measures.

Review of assumptions used in setting risk levels.

Review impacts of applying ALARA (as low as reasonably achievable) levels on and off site.

Expected levels of traffic.

Potential community disruptions due to construction activities.

Likely protocols for evaluating cleanup effectiveness and achievement of cleanup levels.

Potential for air pollution, and mitigation and monitoring.

Decisions:

Key community concerns to take into account in planning remediation activities.

Final recommendations on actual cleanup levels.

Recommendations on protocols for achievement of cleanup levels.

Identification of design activities that will require Task Force/public input.

FINAL REPORT DEVELOPMENT*June 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

Develop the scope and language of the final report.

Information to be Provided:

Proposed report outline.

Summary of all key decisions.

Proposed language for key issues as prepared by staff.

Potential minority views to be included.

Decisions:

Proposed scope and language for final report.

FINAL REPORT APPROVAL*July 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

Review final draft of report and approve for publication.

Information to be Provided:

Draft final report.

Outline of outstanding issues.

Decisions:

A final report of all Task Force observations and recommendations.

CONTINUING MISSION*September 1995***Purpose of Meeting:**

Identify nature and extent of continuing mission for the Task Force.

Information to be Provided:

Key areas for future Task Force involvement.

Options for future Task Force organization.

Decisions:

Activities for the Task Force to focus on in the future.

Updated mission.

Schedule for future meetings.

Action on expiring terms for members.

Continued role of support staff.

FERNALD CITIZENS TASK FORCE


FERNALD

Environmental Management Project

April, 1994

Purpose

A citizens advisory group has been formed to develop a public consensus about cleanup solutions and future courses of action at Fernald. Referred to as the Fernald Advisory Committee in its planning stages, the group was officially convened as the Fernald Citizens Task Force.

The government agencies responsible for cleaning up Fernald seek recommendations on some "big picture" issues:

- What will be the future use of the land at the site?
- What should be the cleanup objectives?
- How will wastes be disposed?
- What should be the cleanup priorities?

The U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency collaborated to form the Task Force. The DOE will provide administrative support for the Task Force.

Each agency will carefully consider the Task Force's recommendations. However, the Task Force will not replace the regulatory process, nor are its recom-

mendations legally binding on the three agencies.

Who is on the Task Force?

The Task Force has 14 members and two alternates representing the major groups and public interests at the site. The members are:

John Applegate, an environmental law professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Law; he is the chair of the Task Force. His term expires in 1996.

James Bierer, a 7th grade science teacher in the Ross Local School District. His term expires in 1995.

Marvin Clawson, a long-time area resident and property owner. His term expires in 1995.

Lisa Crawford, president of the citizens group, Fernald Residents for Environmental Safety and Health (FRESH). Her term expires in 1996.

Pam Dunn, an auditor with the state and treasurer of FRESH. Her term expires in 1996.

Dr. Constance Fox, a physician and a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility. Her term expires in 1995.

Guy Guckenberger, a Hamilton County Commissioner. His term expires in 1995.

Darryl Huff, the vice chairman of the Morgan Township Zoning Board. His term expires in 1996.

Jerry Monahan, the secretary/treasurer of the Greater Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council. His term expires in 1996.

Tom Rentschler, a member of the Miami River Conservancy District and area businessman. His term expires in 1995.

Robert Tabor, safety chairman of the Fernald Atomic Trades and Labor Council (FATLC). He is representing President Robert Schwab, whose term ends in 1996.

Warren Strunk, a Crosby Township trustee. His term expires in 1995.

Thomas Wagner, a professor of community planning at the University of Cincinnati and an expert in dispute resolution. His term expires in 1995.

Gene Willeke, a professor in the Institute of Environmental Sciences at Miami University. His term expires in 1996.

Russell Beckner (alternate), an area resident. His term expires in 1995.

Jackie Embry (alternate), a public health nurse. Her term expires in 1996.

Representatives from the three agencies serve as ex officio members of the Task Force. They include:

Jim Saric, the remedial project manager for U.S. EPA Region 5.

Graham Mitchell, the project coordinator for Ohio EPA.

J. Phillip Hamric, DOE Site Manager.

Task Force meetings will be publicized and open to the public.

How Were Members Selected?

A neutral, third-party consultant -- called a "convener" -- developed selection criteria and nominated candidates to serve on the Task Force. The convener was Dr. Eula Bingham, a professor of environmental health in the College of Medicine and director of the Ohio Hazardous Substances, Research, Education, and Management Institute at the University of Cincinnati. She has extensive experience with citizen advisory groups, having served on local, national, and international committees dealing with environmental and public health issues.

Dr. Bingham sought candidates who ensured a balanced and diverse representation of the parties affected by activities at the Fernald site. She talked with stakeholders from May to July 1993 to discuss how the Task Force should operate and who should serve as a member.

How Do I Get More Information?

To get more information about the Fernald Citizens Task Force, please contact the group at its message center:

(513) 648-6478

Or write to the Task Force:

P.O. Box 544
Ross, Ohio 45061

Information about Task Force activities also is available in the reading room of the Public Environmental Information Center, located in the JAMTEK Building about one mile south of the site on Hamilton-Cleves Highway, which is also State Route 128. You can call the PEIC at (513) 738-0164 or (513) 738-0165.

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**QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING NATIONAL SSAB WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 14-15, 1995**

DOE's Office of Public Accountability will be hosting an annual meeting for a small number of SSAB representatives and their respective DOE SSAB coordinators. To ensure this meeting meets as many of the needs of SSAB members as possible, please indicate how useful each of the following potential sessions would be to you.

	VERY USEFUL	SOMEWHAT USEFUL	NOT USEFUL
Overview of the Office of Environmental Management (EM).....	1	2	3
Overview of key national EM decisions.....	1	2	3
Overview of EM's decision-making process.....	1	2	3
Overview of EM's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS).....	1	2	3
Overview of EM's Future Use Project.....	1	2	3
Overview of the Baseline Environmental Management Report (BEMR).....	1	2	3
Overview of Site Treatment Plans created under the Federal Facilities Compliance Act (FFCA).....	1	2	3
DOE's vision for the SSABs.....	1	2	3
Relationship of SSABs to other DOE Advisory Boards (i.e the national EM Advisory Board).....	1	2	3
SSAB member presentations on lessons learned from SSAB experiences.....	1	2	3
How to encourage the public to attend SSAB meetings.....	1	2	3
Discussion of SSAB training needs.....	1	2	3
Discussion of DOE's SSAB Guidance.....	1	2	3
Discussion of the various SSAB 1994 Action Plans.....	1	2	3
Other (please specify here, or on a separate sheet)			

Please respond to Mike Green by December 19 with any comments or questions:
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 U.S. DOE, EM-5, 1000 Independence Ave., Washington, DC 20585

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CERE FACT SHEET

Purpose and Scope of CERE Study

The Center for Environmental Communication Studies at the University of Cincinnati has been chosen as a member of the Consortium for Environmental Risk Evaluation (CERE), a partnership of universities and contracting firms headed by Tulane and Xavier Universities of New Orleans, Louisiana. The Department of Energy (DOE) has contracted with CERE to conduct a comprehensive review of existing risks and public concerns associated with cleanup activities at the following DOE weapons complex sites:

Fernald Environmental Management Project, Ohio
Hanford Site, Washington
Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, Idaho
Oak Ridge Operations, Tennessee
Rocky Flats Plant, Colorado
Savannah River Site, South Carolina

Additional sites may be studied in a second phase of this program.

The CERE study has three components to be completed at each site: a qualitative risk evaluation, a cost assessment, and an inventory of public concerns. The results of the CERE study will be used by DOE's Office of Integrated Risk Management as background in preparing a 1995 report to Congress. Results of each component will also be made available to the general public.

Public Concerns Inventory Phase

The University of Cincinnati will be involved in the public concerns phase of the project at the **Fernald site**. UC researchers will attempt to record expressions of community concerns regarding risks associated with environmental restoration and waste management (ERWM) activities at Fernald.

Researchers will gather data about public concerns in two ways:

***Conducting focus groups**. We will organize and facilitate a number of group discussions in which citizens are allowed opportunities to express their views concerning health, environment, and regulatory issues associated with the Fernald site. For these focus groups, a special effort will be made to include both traditional stakeholders and individuals who have not previously expressed views about Fernald.

***Examining the public record**. We will record comments made by the general public that can be found in media articles, citizen letters, organizational publications, government documents, DOE administrative record and other

official documents and transcripts generated as part of ongoing ERWM activities at the site.

Opportunities for Public Participation

Citizens are encouraged to participate in the public concerns inventory phase of the CERE project. You can participate in two ways:

***Qualify for focus group selection.** By calling our Center's toll free number (1-800-556-1774), you can qualify to be part of a pool from which focus group participants will be selected. These group sessions will be held in late January and early February, 1995.

***Add your views to the public record.** While any citizen can write to the DOE to express concerns about Fernald or any DOE facility, you can make sure to get your views heard by writing a letter to DOE c/o the Center for Environmental Communication Studies, which will then become a part of the public record. To be included in CERE data collection, we need to receive your letter by no later than January 20, 1995.

For More Information

An informational meeting about the CERE project will be held as follows:

Date: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1994

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: PLANTATION BANQUET AND MEETING CENTER
9660 DRY FORK ROAD HARRISON, OH (513-367-5610)
(one mile north of I-74 at Exit 3--Dry Fork Road)

For more information about the CERE program for the Fernald Environmental Management Project site, or to be considered for participation in local focus groups, please **attend the information meeting**.

OR CALL: THE CERE/UC INFORMATIONAL HOT LINE AT 1-(800)-556-1774,

OR WRITE TO: Professor Steve Depoe
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